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MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM :

SUBJECT : Status Report on Implementation of White Paper Recommendations on International Narcotics Control to Accompany 1978 Budget Submission

REFERENCE : OMB Memo dated 13 August 1976, same subject; and Comptroller Memo dated 25 August 1976, same subject.

1. In accordance with the President's request for a status report on what government agencies are doing to carry out the recommendations contained in the Domestic Council's White Paper on Drug Abuse, dated 29 September 1975, and in response to OMB's instruction to each agency involved in the government's narcotics control effort to submit such a report at the time of the FY 1978 budget submission, this summary report sets forth the steps taken by the Directorate for Intelligence as part of CIA's implementation of the recommendations contained in the White Paper.

2. The Domestic Council, in its White Paper of September 1975 specifically cited the Central Intelligence Agency as having a "vital" role in the collection and analysis of foreign intelligence on the international narcotics situation, with principal focus on strategic intelligence and on international narcotics trafficking.

3. The DDI, in partial fulfillment of the Agency's foreign intelligence collection and analysis role in the government's international narcotics control effort has organized a special Committee on International Narcotics Matters with a chairman who coordinates DDI activities in processing of collection requirements and the production of finished intelligence on the subject of narcotics. All offices and staffs of the Directorate are represented on the Committee and contribute to its intelligence production. The members of the committee also respond to requirements

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and to other members of the CCINC as requested and approved. Each member of the Committee has a responsibility to follow closely foreign developments in his area of interest that may have a bearing on the international narcotics situation. It is also his task to prepare finished intelligence that may be of particular interest to the intelligence community. These reports and studies are disseminated to interested officials in Washington and, on occasion, to overseas missions and stations. This finished intelligence is prepared in the form of special studies, intelligence memoranda, and in daily, weekly, and biweekly current intelligence publications. Published current intelligence is given wide dissemination throughout the government, including copies to State, OMB, DEA, Treasury, Customs, the NSC, NSA, and NIDA. A relatively new venture is the biweekly International Narcotics Staff Notes which is a current intelligence publication designed primarily for narcotics specialists in Washington.

4. In addition, the DDI is represented on the various inter-agency narcotics control committees; and narcotics referents in the DDI--including both those who are regionally and those who are functionally oriented--are called upon from time-to-time to give oral briefings or to participate in the preparation of special reports pertaining to international narcotics. Representatives of the DDI also participate in the regional narcotics coordinators conferences held throughout the world.

5. Furthermore, technical elements in the Office of Geographic and Cartographic Research, and in the Imagery Analysis Service, work closely with DEA and other interested members of the intelligence community in targeting requirements and in developing new techniques and new systems which could lead to a more sophisticated approach to the collection and analysis of intelligence on narcotics. Some of these techniques could be particularly useful in detecting and in monitoring the cultivation and eradication of narcotics-producing crops in foreign countries. These techniques are still in their formative stage, but the prospects are promising.

6. During the past year, the DDI has been involved in many activities related to the government international narcotics control effort and in particular in those areas of intelligence collection and analysis cited in the White Paper. These activities include:

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-- The revision and coordination of intelligence collection requirements as necessary and submission to the Foreign Intelligence Subcommittee of the CCINC where necessary for inter-agency approval. Contributions are sought from all members of the intelligence community. Ad hoc requirements are drafted and processed as necessary. The basic intelligence collection requirements on international narcotics have been revised for all the major areas of the world during the past two years. All of these are currently being updated; the requirements for Mexico were revised in April and those for Western Europe are now in process. The basic requirements are supplemented by ad hoc requirements as needed.

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-- The Office of Economic Research screens all documents pertaining to international narcotics, maintains the necessary files, and prepares in-depth finished intelligence on the economic aspects of the drug abuse problem. OER's narcotics-oriented research and production effort has been focused primarily on Southeast Asia and the Golden Triangle area in particular. Since January 1975, OER has prepared 15 support projects, published 8 articles of current intelligence, provided support [redacted] on 20 occasions, and attended 7 inter-agency meetings on narcotics intelligence.

-- The Office of Geographic and Cartographic Research (OGCR) gives close support to both [redacted] and DEA on

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all matters pertaining to narcotics, particularly in areas of production, eradication, and trafficking. An OGCR representative is also working closely with an inter-agency group on a proposed project designed to monitor [redacted] cultivation and eradication of narcotics-related crops. Some of the specific contributions of OGCR during the past year include 8 articles and one intelligence memorandum for current intelligence publication, numerous briefings and conferences with DEA representatives and inter-agency groups, frequent support of [redacted] preparation of graphics for OMB, and attendance at numerous briefings, debriefings and conferences. OGCR has also prepared over 30 maps for various purposes related to international narcotics intelligence and has prepared 13 special graphics for other CIA offices. In addition, the Map Library Division of OGCR has supplied over 500 maps related to narcotics to various consumers in the Washington intelligence community.

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-- The Central Reference Service of the DDI has responded to numerous requests for narcotics-related intelligence during the past year, including requests from DEA, State, and [redacted]

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-- The Imagery Analysis Service (IAS) estimates that it has expended better than 1187 manhours on narcotics related projects--including graphics and editorial support during the past year. IAS is also currently participating in the inter-agency study to determine the feasibility of developing a remote sensing system for monitoring the cultivation of opium poppies. [redacted]

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